



Welcome to Epworth on this special and holy day! Today we celebrate All Saints' Sunday and we remember those who have died during this past year. The story of Ruth in the Bible is a story that speaks to the power of All Saints. It's a story about a family and how it grows and how God provides for that family. What does Ruth's story have to teach us about our own families? As we lift the names of the saints today, as we share the Holy Meal that binds us as family on earth and in heaven – we give thanks to God for all our blessings! We are grateful for your presence this day.

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VISION: Exploring Faith, Embracing Community
MISSION: Inviting All, Finding Your Place, Connecting to God, Demonstrating Care

Please sign and pass the blue Fellowship Pad down the row. As you return it to the center aisle, take note of your neighbors with a smile and a greeting.

☞ WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY ☛

***Praise Gathering**

WE BELIEVE

In this time of desperation, when all we know is doubt and fear,
there is only one foundation: we believe, we believe.
In this broken generation, when all is dark, you help us see.
There is only one salvation: we believe, we believe.

We believe in God the Father. We believe in Jesus Christ.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, and He's given us new life.
We believe in the Crucifixion. We believe that He conquered death.
We believe in the resurrection, and He's coming back again. We believe.

So, let our faith be more than anthems, greater than the songs we sing.
In our weakness and temptations, we believe, we believe! {Refrain}

Let the lost be found, and dead be raised; in the here and now let love invade.
Let the church live loud! Our God will save. We believe! We believe!

And the gates of hell will not prevail, for the power of God has torn the veil.
Now we know Your love will never fail. We believe! We believe!

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He's coming back again! We believe! We believe! ¹*

Welcome, Sharing the Mission & Ministry at Epworth

Todd

*Bell Banner Procession

(Acolyte leads the Banner)

*Please stand as we honor the faithful witness of our members
who have died during this past year and have gone on to experience the gift of eternal life.*

*Song of Remembrance

I WILL RISE

There's a peace I've come to know though my heart and flesh may fail
There's an anchor for my soul I can say "It is well"
Jesus has overcome and the grave is overwhelmed
The victory is won He is risen from the dead.

*And I will rise when He calls my name no more sorrow, no more pain
I will rise on eagles' wings before my God fall on my knees, and rise, I will rise.*

A Litany of Memory and Thanksgiving

Todd

(Our Joys & Concerns for today are included in the Communion liturgy)

Gracious God of life and history, this day we look to those saints who nurtured us in the faith, to those who have passed on into death, and to those whose lives guide us still today.

S Thank you, God, for their witness. Forgive us for failing to keep their memory alive within us. Renew our commitment to live into the future inspired and encouraged by their faith.

We offer thanks and praise to you for all persons who have gone before us and blessed our journey of life. **Camera on Bell Banner - no .PPT; Vicky reads the names and BELL CHOIR tolls the bell** With thanksgiving, we remember the members of our community of faith who have died this past year and now experience the promise of eternal life:

Steve Elkins	Richard Lynam
Bill Morgan	Joan Nolze
John Souder	Harry Spencer
Marion Stanley	Norma Stinchecum
Paul Van Denburg	Frances Van Kleeck
Sylvia Walker	

Vicky finishes the liturgy

You are invited to speak out loud the names of all those you would remember today.

§ Lord, we lift these persons in gratitude and praise for what they continue to mean to us. Grant Your Spirit as we dedicate our lives this day to follow the example of Christ and these saints whose lives have enriched and blessed us. Amen.

I WILL RISE (CONT)

There's a day that's drawing near when this darkness breaks to light
And the shadows disappear and my faith shall be my eyes.
Jesus has overcome and the grave is overwhelmed
The victory is won He is risen from the dead. {Refrain}

And I hear the voice of many angels sing, 'Worthy is the Lamb'
And I hear the cry of every longing heart, 'Worthy is the Lamb'
And I hear the voice of many angels sing, 'Worthy is the Lamb'
And I hear the cry of every longing heart, 'Worthy is the Lamb.
Worthy is the Lamb.' {Refrain}

(Tag) I will rise. Rise! ²

Children's Celebration

Mickie McManamon

☞ WE ENGAGE THE WORD ☛

Scripture Lesson

The Story of Ruth - abridged

Herb Russell

Naomi, her husband, and her two sons were happy living in Bethlehem. But one year, a famine hit Bethlehem, and Naomi and her family had nothing to eat for many days. One day the four of them sat down to talk about their problem. Naomi's husband said, "I hear they have lots of food in Moab, and though it's very far away, the people there are kind to the Hebrews. Maybe they would be kind to us." So the family decided to go to Moab. They found that the people were indeed kind to them, and they enough to eat. Naomi's sons soon fell in love and were married in Moab, though she worried about the Hebrew law that said Hebrews should only marry other Hebrews. But Naomi thought to herself, "My sons' wives, Ruth and Orpah, are such fine people, how can it be wrong? Those girls are like daughters to me." Then Naomi's husband died, and soon after that, her two sons died. Naomi and Ruth and Orpah cried together. They cried not only because they had lost their husbands, for now they might starve as men were the only ones who could earn money for food, and a woman without a husband might also lose her home. Naomi's worried for her life as she had no other family in Moab to help her, and the lives of her sons' widows. Naomi made her decision, "Ruth and Orpah, I have to go back home to Bethlehem where I have cousins who may help me. I hear the famine is over and the people of Bethlehem have food again. I think you should go back and live with your mothers." Orpah said, "Yes, I shall return to my mother's home." But not Ruth. "Naomi, I love you more than anyone, and I will not leave you." she said. "You would be unhappy in Bethlehem," said Naomi. "You have no friends or family there."

But Ruth pleaded with Naomi. “Please don’t ask me to leave you or to keep from following after you. For where you go, I will go. Where you live, I will live. Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God.”

So together they made the journey to Bethlehem, where they knew life may continue to be difficult.

Ruth helped Naomi by working in the hot sun, picking up bits of grain that were left behind in the fields of Boaz, who was Naomi’s cousin. Boaz had heard about Ruth and her kindness to Naomi, and soon Ruth and Boaz came to love each other and were married.

Though some of their neighbors disapproved of Boaz marrying Ruth, because she wasn’t a Hebrew, Boaz loved her and defended her as she was a good, kind wife.

Naomi had always wanted to be a grandmother, but her two sons had died before there were any babies. Now Naomi began to hope again. Maybe Ruth and Boaz would have a baby. They did.

And all of Naomi’s friends in Bethlehem came to see her new grandchild. Ruth and Boaz named the baby Obed. He became the grandfather of Israel’s most famous king - King David.

Brothers and Sisters,

This is the Word of God for the People of God.

§ Thanks be to God

Sermon

“FAMILY VALUES”

Rev. Vicky Starnes

Invitation to Offering ~ Please sign the blue Connections Pad and pass it down the row

Offerings are given through cash and check, on-line giving, Texting at 302-488-0038

*and by using our Giving Kiosk in the main lobby. There are Giving Cards in the pews to place in the plate, if you wish
Bless your heart for supporting our ministries!*

Offertory

STEAL AWAY...arr. Sandra Eithun

Memorial Bell Choir

✠ WE RESPOND TO THE WORD ✠

***The Great Thanksgiving Prayer**

with sung responses as in FWS 2257 b,c,d

The Lord be with you.

Vicky

§ And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

§ We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

§ It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,

Always and everywhere to give thanks to you, almighty God,
Creator of heaven and earth.

God of Abraham and Sarah, God of Miriam and Moses,

God of Ruth and David, God of the priests and the prophets,

God of Mary and Joseph, God of the apostles and the martyrs,

God of our mothers and our fathers, of our sisters and our brothers

God of our children, living now and for all generations yet to come

With all your people on earth and all the company of heaven,

We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

§ Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of power and might. *FWS 2257 b*
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!
Blest is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

Please be seated

Todd

Holy are you and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
You gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin
And to death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.
In this moment we bring to you the names of brothers and sisters in need of our prayers:

Joys and Concerns - Additions to Joys and Concerns

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you
broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:
“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me”

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, Vicky
and said: “Drink from this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for
you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of
me.”

Remembering these wondrous acts in Jesus Christ, we take this bread and this cup from the
gifts of your creation, and with all the Saints throughout history and we joyfully celebrate
Christ's resurrected presence and healing love as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again. *FWS 2257-c*
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

Pour out your Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Todd
Make these gifts the body and blood of Christ
That we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by His blood.

Renew our communion with all your saints, especially those
whom we have named before you this day.
Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, strengthen us to run with
perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus.

By your spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry
to all the world until Christ comes in final victory,
and we feast, all together, at his heavenly banquet.
Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your Holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.
Amen. Amen. Amen. Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest! *FWS 2257-d*

*The Lord's Prayer

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§ Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Music during Communion

WHAT A BEAUTIFUL NAME

You were the Word at the beginning, one with God, the Lord Most High.
Your hidden glory in creation, now revealed in You, our Christ.

What a beautiful name it is, what a beautiful name it is, the name of Jesus Christ, my King.

What a beautiful name it is, nothing compares to this.

What a beautiful name it is, the name of Jesus.

You didn't want heaven without us, so, Jesus, You brought heaven down.
My sin was great, Your love was greater. What could separate us now?

What a wonderful name it is, what a wonderful name it is, the name of Jesus Christ, my King.

What a wonderful name it is, nothing compares to this.

What a wonderful name it is, the name of Jesus.

What a wonderful name it is, the name of Jesus. (Instrumental)

Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You.
You silence the boast of sin and grave.
The heavens are roaring the praise of Your glory,
for You are raised to life again.

You have no rival, You have no equal. Now and forever, God, You reign.
Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory, Yours is the name above all names.

What a powerful name it is, what a powerful name it is, the name of Jesus Christ, my King.

What a powerful name it is, nothing can stand against.

What a powerful name it is, the name of Jesus.

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What a powerful name it is, the name of Jesus. What a powerful name it is, the name of Jesus.

What a powerful name it is, the name of Jesus.³

GOOD GOOD FATHER

Oh, I've heard a thousand stories of what they think You're like.
But I've heard the tender whisper of love in the dead of night.
And You tell me that You're pleased, and that I'm never alone.

*You're a good, good Father. It's who You are, it's who You are, it's who You are, and I'm loved by You.
It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am.*

Oh, and I've seen many searching for answers far and wide.
But I know we're all searching for answers only You provide.
'Cause You know just what we need before we say a word. {Refrain}

Because You are perfect in all of Your ways.
You are perfect in all of Your ways.
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us. {Repeat}

Oh, it's love so undeniable, I, I can hardly speak.
Peace so unexplainable, I, I can hardly think
as You call me deeper still, as You call me deeper still,
as You call me deeper still into love, love, love. {Refrain 4X} 4

✪ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ✪

*Benediction

Vicky

*Sending Forth

HOME

This world is not what it was meant to be; all this pain, all this suffering.
There's a better place waiting for me in heaven.

Ev'ry tear will be wiped away, ev'ry sorrow and sin erased;
we'll dance on seas of amazing grace in heaven, in heaven!

*I'm goin' home where the streets are golden, ev'ry chain is broken.
Oh, I wanna go, oh, I wanna go home where ev'ry fear is gone.
I'm in Your open arms, where I belong, home!*

Lay down my burdens, I lay down my past;
I run to Jesus, no turning back.
Thank God Almighty, I'll be free at last in heaven, in heaven!

*I'm goin' home where the streets are golden, ev'ry chain is broken.
Oh, I wanna go, oh, I wanna go home where ev'ry fear is gone.
I'm in Your open arms, where I belong.*

Blinded eyes will fin'ly see.
The dead will rise on the shores of eternity.
The trump will sound, the angels will sing.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

*I am goin' home where the streets are golden, ev'ry chain is broken.
Oh, I wanna go, oh, I wanna go home where ev'ry fear is gone.
I'm in Your open arms, where I belong, where I belong!
I'm goin' home! I'm goin' home!
I'm on my way home! I'm goin' home! 5*

**Please stand as you are able.*

Bulletins for the month of November are sponsored in honor of their daughter, Dr. Debra Pace, for her birthday, November 9, by Laurel & Dennis St. Germain.

Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God and:

- In memory of their Loved Ones and in celebration of their 11th wedding anniversary by Peggy & Harvey Waltersdorf;
- In memory of Doug's father, Lloyd Walker, by Doug Yetter & Mark Horne.

Stephen Ministers wearing blue name badges will be at each service if anyone in the Epworth family wants to talk about any life challenges.

The **special Peace Candle on the Chancel** shines to remind us of God's desire for peace throughout our world and our call to be God's peacemakers.

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Assisting with today's Service

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Acolyte Autumn Reynolds
Sight & Sound Ken Mahan, Sharon Wert, Josh Megee, Arne Jerfsten, Karen Kaufman
Ushers Head Usher: Jim Blakeslee
Usher Coordinator – Worship Pathway:
9:30: Teri Moore, Jerry Alexander, De Raynes, Robbin Murray, Ruth Ann Curley, Joy Glass

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